

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

July 8, 2002
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; RANDY CORMAN.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; SYLVIA DOERSCHEL, Finance Analyst Supervisor; JILL MASUNAGA, Finance Analyst; DAWNA TRUMAN, Finance Analyst; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources Administrator; KAREN BERGSEVIK, Human Services Manager; NORMA MCQUILLER, Neighborhood Coordinator; DEPUTY CHIEF GLEN GORDON, Fire Department; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Community Services:
Harborview Medical Center
Services Overview

Tina Mankowski, Director of Community Relations for Harborview Medical Center, presented an overview of the services and programs offered by Harborview Medical Center located in Seattle's First Hill neighborhood. She stated that the medical center is owned by King County, managed by the University of Washington, and the majority of patients are from the Seattle-King County area. Ms. Mankowski reported that Harborview is a center of emphasis in the following areas: Level 1 trauma care, disaster center, burn center, neurosciences, and HIV/AIDS care. She reviewed the many programs Harborview administers including Medic 1, Airlift Northwest, Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress, Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, International Medicine Clinic, mental health services, occupational medicine, orthopaedics, outpatient services, and rehabilitation medicine.

Detailing Harborview's efforts in research and training and philanthropy, Ms. Mankowski noted that future plans for the medical center include seismic upgrades, adding an additional 50 beds, and the demolition and replacement of unstable buildings.

Responding to Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler's inquiry regarding follow-up care for the homeless population, Ms. Mankowski stated that homeless patients are encouraged to utilize Harborview's respite program which provides healthcare services in clinics such as the Pioneer Square Clinic. Councilwoman Briere reported on the excellent care her son, who was a victim of trauma, received at Harborview.

PUBLIC HEARING

Budget: 2003 Annual City of
Renton

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider 2003 Annual City of Renton Budget.

Audience comment was invited.

Karen Zammit, Renton resident, spoke as a representative for the Committee to Save King County Childcare Program, and as one of the 45 parents who lost their childcare subsidy at the beginning of 2002. She stated that King County is suffering from a budget deficit and is cutting human services funding. Ms. Zammit expressed her concerns about the families who have lost their childcare subsidy, saying that there are not many childcare options available to them. Stating that it costs \$215,000 to subsidize the 45 families for one year, Ms. Zammit asked for that support for 2003; and while childcare funds are still available through King County, she encouraged the City to provide the 50% in matching funds required by King County. In addition, Ms. Zammit asked for the City's ongoing support in creating more childcare options within Renton.

There being no further audience comment, it was **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Derek Todd, Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer, reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2002 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ The Fire Department's Fire Stoppers Program received nine referrals of children involved with fire setting, several of which were related to potentially serious fires. Three children were determined to be at-risk for setting fires and were referred for counseling, and the remainder received education and work assignments. Fire Stoppers is a nationally recognized, countywide program with trained interventionists who screen children for risk of future fire setting. Evidence of the program's success is the reduction in the return to previous behavior by juvenile fire setters. As a result, the program has been chosen as a model for FEMA's United States Fire Administration Juvenile Fire Setting Education Program.

Development Services: Lande Feed Site, Building Collapse

Gregg Zimmerman, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator gave a briefing on the partial collapse of the north concrete-block building located on the Lande Feed store site that occurred today. Displaying photos of the collapsed building, he explained that the east wall of the building and the roof are down, the north wall is leaning, and there is damage to the south wall. He reported that the building was declared dangerous in June 2001, and was red tagged for no occupancy. Since this is an emergency situation, the area has been taped off for safety reasons and a portion of Burnett Ave. N. has been closed. Mr. Zimmerman indicated that the owners of the Lande site are working with the City in obtaining permits for the rat abatement and demolition of the facility, and rubble will be removed from the site starting tomorrow.

Responding to Councilman Persson's inquiry regarding the partially demolished building located north of the collapsed building, Mr. Zimmerman confirmed that the building is also to be included in the demolition.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Various – Whitworth Ave S Vacation, St. Anthony Church (VAC-00-003)

The following people spoke in support of the Whitworth Ave. S. street vacation request by St. Anthony Parish (VAC-00-003): John J. Barta, 26001 119th Dr. SE, Kent, 98031; Arland "Buzz" Johnson, 334 Wells Ave. S., #221, Renton, 98055; William J. Flynn, 911 Lynnwood Ave. NE, Renton, 98056; Bryan Whiting, 21310 212th Ave. SE., Maple Valley, 98038; Mike Borte, 11254 SE 190th Ct., Renton, 98055; Carlo Desimone, 24612 102nd Pl. SE, Kent, 98031;

John Casey, 13921 SE 241st St., Kent, 98042; and Gary Teale, 9046 Dayton Ave. N., Seattle, 98103. Speakers comments indicated that the parish is a Renton asset and has a positive economic impact on the City; the parish reaches out into the community and assists homeless people; parishioners patronize local businesses such as restaurants, car dealerships, and medical offices; the parish is creating, building and expanding, not deteriorating like the Lande Feed buildings; the school serves the community far beyond just the parishioners; and the parish provides a long-term public benefit through the education of its children.

Speakers also commented that busy streets surrounding the school endanger students, and providing a unified campus will increase children's safety; the proposed vacation will diminish the impact of the parish on the neighborhood; and as the parish continues to grow, it will become increasingly difficult to find meeting space and classrooms. Other support comments indicated that the proposed vacation will not increase parking problems but will add additional off-site parking, will not increase traffic congestion and will not limit driving options in the neighborhood; and the proposed vacation will create a more amenable parking and pickup system for the students.

Citizen Comment: DeMastus –
Fireworks Ban

Sandel DeMastus, 1137 Harrington Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, described illegal firework-related accidents involving children, and expressed her concern for the children of this community. She stated that the subject of banning fireworks was brought before the Public Safety Committee last year and nothing has been done. Ms. DeMastus requested stricter enforcement of the laws pertaining to the use of illegal fireworks, and asked that the City review the fireworks issue since other cities have banned fireworks.

Stating that this is a difficult issue, Councilman Clawson confirmed that the matter is in Public Safety Committee and the Committee is waiting for a report from staff.

Citizen Comment: Johnson –
Spencer Court Apartments, Use
of Adjacent Alley

Arland "Buzz" Johnson, 334 Wells Ave. S., #221, Renton, 98055, expressed his concern for the safety of the Spencer Court Apartment residents when they use the alley located behind the building on Wells Ave. S. to access the parking lot.

Citizen Comment: Larson –
Renton Hill, Unsafe Use of
Streets by Trucks & Damaged
Sidewalks

Ruth Larson, 714 High Ave. S., Renton, 98055, expressed concern about the truck traffic on Renton Hill, saying that truck weights exceed legal limits; truck drivers are not following traffic rules; and when parked, trucks are blocking roadways and driveways. In addition, Ms. Larson displayed photographs of damaged and hazardous Renton Hill sidewalks. She asked the City to investigate these two matters.

Responding to Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler's request that the issues discussed by Ms. Larson be investigated, Mayor Tanner stated that Police Chief Garry Anderson will investigate the truck weight and traffic enforcement issues, and Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman will investigate the condition of the sidewalks.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilman Clawson, item 7.a. was removed for separate consideration

Appointment: Airport Advisory
Committee

Mayor Tanner appointed the following individuals to the Airport Advisory Committee: Kurt Boswell, 27426 179th Pl. SE, Kent, 98042, for a three-year term as Airport Leaseholder primary representative (term to expire on 5/7/2005); and Michael Rice, 300 Airport Way S., #100, Renton, 98055, for a

	three-year term as Airport Leaseholder alternate representative (term to expire on 5/7/2005). Refer to <u>Community Services Committee</u> .
CAG: 02-082, CT Detention Pipeline for Wells R1, R2 & R3 & Park Improvements, RL Alia Company	City Clerk reported bid opening on 6/27/2002 for CAG-02-082, CT Detention Pipeline for Wells R1, R2 and R3 and Park Improvements; four bids; engineer's estimate \$1,201,978.88; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$979,178.24. Council concur.
Plat: Honey Crest, NE 9th Pl (PP-02-028)	Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Honey Crest Preliminary Plat; 19 single-family lots on 3.12 acres located at 4210 NE 9th Pl. (PP-02-028). Council concur.
Human Services: 2003 CDBG Funds, King County	Human Services Division recommended acceptance of an estimated \$374,683 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from King County for 2003. Council concur.
Human Services: 2003 General Fund & CDBG Fund Allocation	Human Services Division recommended setting a public hearing on July 22, 2002, to consider the allocation of the 2003 General Fund and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as recommended by the Human Services Advisory Committee. Refer to <u>Community Services Committee</u> ; set public hearing for July 22, 2002.
Human Resources: 2002 Group Health Cooperative Medical Contracts	Human Resources and Risk Management Department recommended approval of the 2002 Group Health Cooperative Medical Contracts for Active Employees; LEOFF 1 Active Employees; and LEOFF 1 Eastern and Western Washington Retirees. Council concur.
Airport: FAA Grant Application, Airside/Landside Activities (Security Gates)	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a grant application with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for a \$150,000 grant to improve the separation of airside and landside activities. Council concur. (See page 275 for resolution.)
Transportation: Railroad Crossing Improvements, Southport & Lk WA Blvd	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of agreements with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad to replace and improve railroad crossings at Southport Blvd. and Lake Washington Blvd. to accommodate the new Southport development. The developer, Southport LLC, will cover all costs. Refer to <u>Transportation Committee</u> .
Utility: Emergency Sale of Water to Seattle Contract	Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with the City of Seattle for the emergency sale of water. Refer to <u>Utilities Committee</u> .
	MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 7.a. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.
<u>Separate Consideration</u> <u>Item 7.a.</u> Council Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2002	Councilman Clawson requested that the Council meeting minutes of July 1, 2002, be corrected as indicated: Page 263, under Old Business, second paragraph, second sentence, insert "perceived" between the words Clawson's and insinuations. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE ITEM 7.a. AS CORRECTED. CARRIED. Explaining that the issue regarding potential retaliation against Renton Police Officers' Guild members for expressing their opinions about Police Department staffing is sensitive, Councilman Clawson stated that it is not his intention to

drive a wedge between the Guild members and the Police Chief by commenting on the matter. He emphasized that he supports both the Guild and the Police Chief, and respects the progress that has been made.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Various – Whitworth Ave S Vacation, St. Anthony Church (VAC-00-003)

The following correspondence was entered into the record in support of the Whitworth Ave. S. street vacation request by St. Anthony Parish (VAC-00-003): Gregg McNabb, St. Anthony Parish Pastoral Assistant for Administration, 314 S. 4th St., Renton, 98055; The Most Reverend Alex J. Brunett, Archbishop of Seattle, 910 Marion St., Seattle, 98104; Glenda Johnson, St. Anthony Pastoral Council President, 1216 Monroe Ave. NE, Renton, 98056; Connie Grace, 16921 135th Pl. SE, Renton, 98058; Suzanne Donnelly, 18311 108th Pl. SE, Renton, 98055; and seven form letters from parents of students at St. Anthony School. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler reported that the Planning & Development Committee received information from staff regarding the proposed street vacation of Whitworth Ave. S. today. In an attempt to schedule a Planning & Development Committee meeting as soon as possible, Ms. Keolker-Wheeler asked Assistant City Attorney Zanetta Fontes about notification requirements for the meeting. Ms. Fontes stated that announcing the time and date of the Planning & Development Committee meeting at this evening's Council meeting satisfies the notification requirements.

Council discussion ensued regarding setting the date at which the Planning & Development Committee would discuss the street vacation request and whether it should be discussed before or after the Hearing Examiner's public hearing concerning the related site plan. Stating that it should be discussed prior to the Hearing Examiner's public hearing, Ms. Keolker-Wheeler indicated that she would announce the meeting date under New Business. (See page 276.)

Added

Citizen Comment: Various – Fireworks Ban

Correspondence was read regarding the use of fireworks in Renton from Mike & Valerie O'Halloran, 4420 SE 4th St., Renton, 98059; Sandel DeMastus, 1137 Harrington Ave. NE., Renton, 98056; and Audrey Ogilvie, 1033 Sunset Blvd. NE, #21, Renton, 98056. Comments included: the need for stricter enforcement of the laws concerning the use of illegal fireworks; the recommendation that the Public Safety Committee address the use of fireworks in Renton; the request to ban the use and sale of fireworks within the City limits of Renton; and the request that the City only allow public firework displays. All letters contained examples of improper fireworks use, and examples of the impact fireworks have on residents, animals and property. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THE CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

Citizen Comment: Lane – Renton Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol

At the request of Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler, an electronic letter was read from Captain Ed Lane, Officer in Charge of the Renton Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol Color Guard, PO Box 1965, Renton, 98051. Captain Lane thanked the City for its support of the Color Guard's trip to the National Competition at the Air Force Academy, and stated that the Color Guard placed fourth in the country out of eight regions.

OLD BUSINESS**Public Safety Committee**

King County: Regional
Disaster Plan

Public Safety Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to join as signatory to the King County Regional Disaster Plan. The Committee recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See later this page for resolution.)

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS****Resolution #3580**

Airport: FAA Grant
Application, Airside/Landside
Activities (Security Gates)

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant application and acceptance documents to implement airside and landside separation projects, and authorizing the Airport Manager as the City's official representative in this matter. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3581

King County: Regional
Disaster Plan

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement for regional disaster planning for public and private organizations in King County. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler commented that preparation of the disaster plan has been a countywide effort, and she complimented City staff for their hard work and contributions to the plan.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 7/15/2002 for second and final reading:

Finance: Bond Issuance, Fire
Station #12 Construction

An ordinance relating to the incurrence of indebtedness; providing for the sale and issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2002, to provide part of the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping Fire Station #12; providing for the date, denominations, form, terms, registration privileges, maturity, interest rates and covenants of the bonds; providing for the annual levy of taxes to pay the principal thereof and the interest thereon; establishing a debt service fund and project fund for the bonds; and providing for the sale and delivery of such bonds to D.A. Davidson & Co., Seattle, Washington. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/15/2002. CARRIED.**

Budget: 2002 Amendment,
Additional Police & Fire
Department Positions

An ordinance was read adding the positions of Crime Analyst and Evidence Technician to the Police Department, and the position of Secretary 1 to the Fire Department, effective September 1, 2002, and authorizing the increased Budget appropriation of \$48,300.

Councilman Clawson suggested that Council focus and vote on each position separately. Councilman Parker indicated that since the ordinance states that the Secretary 1 position in the Fire Department will be paid for with 2002 budget savings, he recommended moving forward with the ordinance as read.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ORDINANCE ADDING THE POSITION OF EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.* (See page 277 for further action on this matter.)

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler asked for the annual costs of each position. Councilman Persson suggested that while waiting for information regarding the costs of the positions, that Council move forward with New Business. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL TABLE THE MOTION REGARDING THE ORDINANCE UNTIL THE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS. CARRIED.** (See later this page for resumption of discussion.)

NEW BUSINESS

Citizen Comment: Price –
Permit Process

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler inquired as to the status of the request submitted by Deborah Price, London Fog Industries, 1700 Westlake Ave. N., Seattle, 98109, concerning speeding up the City's permit process with regards to her project. Mayor Tanner explained that the delay is due to her own contractor and not with the City's permit process, and he reported that Economic Development Administrator Sue Carlson is working with Ms. Price on the matter.

Vacation: Whitworth Ave S,
St. Anthony Church (VAC-00-
003)

Ms. Keolker-Wheeler announced that a special Planning & Development Committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 15th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the Whitworth Ave. S. street vacation request by St. Anthony Parish. She explained that while the public is welcome to attend the Committee meeting, public comment will not be accepted.

Finance: Project-Tracking
Reports

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler commented that it is difficult to follow the costs of a project from start to finish over a period of years, and requested that she be provided with project-tracking financial reports in order to easily determine how much a project costs over its entirety.

Transportation: Speeding
Buses on Logan Ave S

Councilman Persson relayed a complaint by Glenn Reynolds regarding buses exceeding the posted speed limit of 25 mph on Logan Ave. S., and he requested that the administration contact Metro and ask them to slow their buses down.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

Budget: 2002 Amendment,
Additional Police & Fire
Department Positions

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE THE MOTION REGARDING THE ORDINANCE ADDING THE EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN POSITION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. CARRIED.

Derek Todd, Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer, reported on the costs of the positions as requested by Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler. The initial cost of the crime analyst position, including salary, benefits, uniform, supplies and computer, totals \$71,800; and the ongoing cost is \$68,000 annually. Mr. Todd stated that the total annual cost for the evidence technician position, including salary, benefits and uniform, is \$64,500. The initial cost for the Fire Department Secretary 1 position, including salary, benefits, computer and work station, totals \$60,700; and the ongoing cost is \$50,200 annually.

Councilman Clawson informed Council that he had asked the City Attorney to review the Department of Justice contract relating to the school resource officers because of his concern regarding the contract language. He indicated that the contract states that the City of Renton cannot use the school resource officers to replace officers that would otherwise be hired.

Councilman Parker stated that Mr. Clawson's comments were not germane to the discussion at hand. Councilman Clawson emphasized that patrol officers are still needed, and pointed out that Council needs to look at the budget issue as a whole.

*MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, CALL FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ORDINANCE ADDING AN EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN POSITION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. CARRIED.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ORDINANCE ADDING A CRIME ANALYST POSITION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. CARRIED.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ORDINANCE ADDING A SECRETARY 1 POSITION TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. CARRIED.

RECESS

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL RECESS FOR FIVE MINUTES. CARRIED. Time: 9:44 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:48 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

Budget: 2002 Amendment,
Police Department Evidence
Technician Position Addition

An ordinance was read adding the position of Evidence Technician to the Police Department, effective September 1, 2002, and authorizing the increased Budget appropriation of \$21,500. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/15/2002. CARRIED.

Budget: 2002 Amendment,
Police Department Crime
Analyst Position Addition

An ordinance was read adding the position of Crime Analyst to the Police Department, effective September 1, 2002, and authorizing the increased Budget appropriation of \$26,800. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/15/2002. CARRIED.

Fire: Secretary 1 Position
Addition

An ordinance was read adding the position of Secretary 1 to the Fire Department, effective September 1, 2002. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/15/2002.*

Responding to Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler's inquiry, Derek Todd, Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer, confirmed that the costs of the computer and work station needed for the Secretary 1 position are to be absorbed by the Fire Department's 2002 budget.

*MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:53 p.m.

Bonnie Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
July 8, 2002